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After the title, insert -- This is a division of Patent Application serial number 09/859,353, filing date 5/18/01, Novel Copper Metal Structure For The Reduction Of Intra-Metal Capacitance, assigned to the same assignee as the present invention.

**REMARKS**

A reference to the parent case has been added by Preliminary Amendment to this Divisional Patent Application.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Allowance of the subject Patent Application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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